

BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

# KING OF GLORY

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Holy Communion Setting for Lent 2025

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## Gathering

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Opening Voluntary                      *Neumeister Chorale "Oh innocent Lamb of God"*                      J. S. Bach

Welcome and Community Life

*The congregation may stand.*

Entrance Hymn 807                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      NETTLETON

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † One God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Because God loves us unconditionally, and is eager to forgive, we are given the freedom to confess before God and one another, the ways we fall short of sharing God's love and grace with the world.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

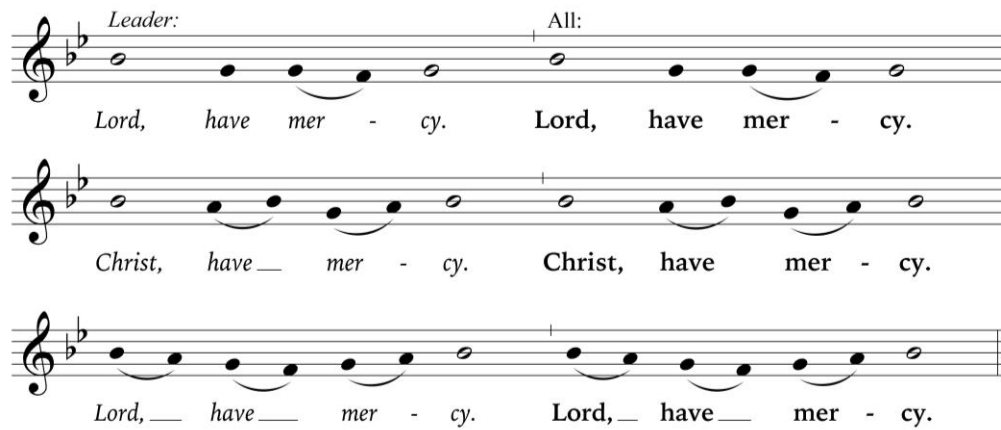
Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## Kyrie



Leader: Lord, have mer - cy. All: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## Psalm

Psalm 32:1-6, 11

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. <sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## The Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

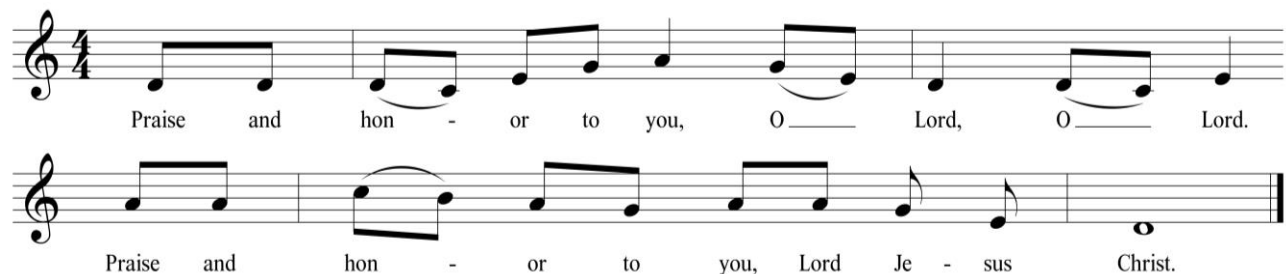
<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.  
Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

## Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated. Children ages 4 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend the children’s sermon in room 115.*

Sermon

Pastor Beth Taylor

*The congregation may stand. Children will return from the children’s sermon.*

Hymn of the Day 779

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Peace

*We make peace with God and each other before coming to the Lord's table.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

Meal

Offering

*We give back to God out of the abundance with which He has blessed us.*

Faithful Ones offerings received during the month of March will support KOG ministry partner *Lake Highlands AVID*. AVID is a College & Career Readiness program for first generation, economically disadvantaged students. The funds given through Faithful Ones will be used for college visit buses, AP test fees and cap & gown fees for graduation. There are also volunteer opportunities – if interested, please contact Kerri Macy at [kerri.macy@risd.org](mailto:kerri.macy@risd.org). If you wish to offer additional funds to this ministry, please use an envelope found in the pew rack or the narthex. Checks should be written be made out to King of Glory with "Faithful Ones" in the memo.



*We will now present our offerings. You can share your gifts online at [koggives.com](http://koggives.com) or via Venmo @kingofglory. You may also place your offering in the offering plate.*

*Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*

Jiří Tranovský; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda

O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe; upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won. O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave; your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love. O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us. O lavish Giver, come to aid the children that your word has made. Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay.

*The congregation may stand.*

Love one an - oth - er as I have loved you. Care for each  
 oth - er. I have cared for you. Bear each oth - er's bur - dens.  
 Bind each oth - er's wounds; and so you will know my re - turn.

Prayer

Let us pray: Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places ... and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus, *Holy, holy, holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting ..... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## Celebrating Communion

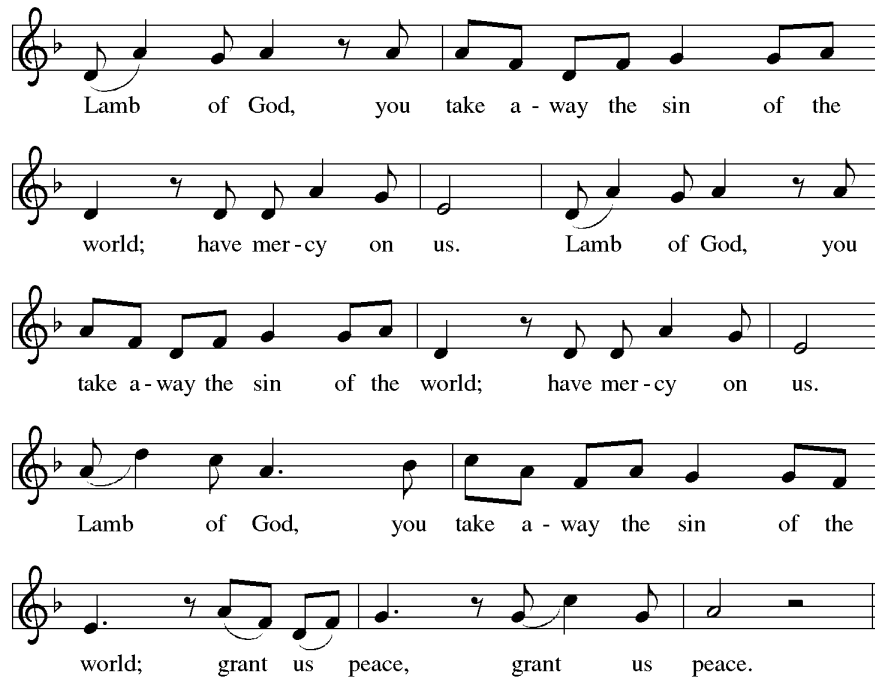
At King of Glory we welcome all who believe Jesus Christ is present for and with us in the bread and wine.

If you choose to share in our table of communion while at home, consider that your table is part of ours, and your bread and wine is the body and blood of Christ we all share. Please only use bread and wine (or grape juice) as we remain faithful to our Lord's command.

If you would prefer not to receive wine, simply request white grape juice when served. Gluten-free wafers may also be requested.

Children and adults not communing are invited to come forward for a word of blessing. Open hands show you wish to receive communion; folded hands show you want a blessing.

Agnus Dei, *Lamb of God*



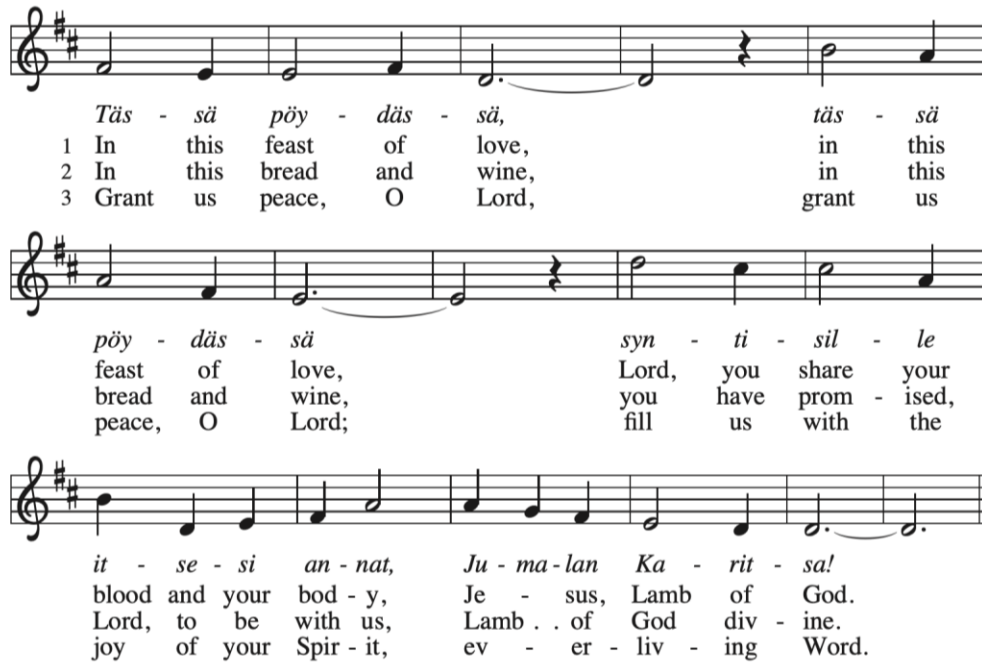
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

You are invited to share the bread and wine now as you hear the Pastor say:  
"This is the body of Christ, given for you."  
"This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Communion Hymns

ACS 962 *In This Feast of Love*

TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, in this feast of love, in this  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us  
pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the  
it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

608 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Coming*

THOMPSON

*The communion table is cleared.*

*The congregation may stand.*

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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Sending

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Benediction

*Just as we began, we end worship in the Name of the Triune God.*

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn 763

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary

*Neumeister Chorale "Glory be to you, Christ, who suffers"*

J. S. Bach

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP**

Pastor Kirsten Wee, Pastor Beth Taylor

Michaela Prussack, *liturgist*

Henry Hohlt, *acolyte*

Charlie Lombardi, *crucifer*

Paul Jentz, *reader*

The King of Glory Choir

Zvony Nagy, *Director of Music and Worship*

Ross Weir, *audio visual*; Keith Prim, *av volunteer*

Lilian Felekeni, Paul Jentz, *greeters*

Dave Carlson, Marilyn Cupp, Elise Dixon, Janet Follstaedt, *ushers*

Colleen Halverson, Linda Stopani, *communion assistants*

Jan & Larry Rollow, *altar guild*

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Kim Pollock to the Glory of God.

# BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

## Visiting for the first time?

We are glad you are here! Please fill out the **Friendship Pad** or a **Connect Card** so we can get to know you and share more about KOG and our ministries.

**Our worship is liturgical; rooted in Scripture.** We follow a pattern of worship that embraces the diversity and richness of modern language and traditions.

**Listening Devices are available during worship services.** Ask an usher to acquire one of these devices.

**A Sensory Room is located at the back of the Sanctuary.** This room is equipped with comfortable seating, adjustable lighting and sound, and is a safe place for those with disabilities.

**Children are welcome in worship!**

Clipboards with activity pages and fidgets are available in the Narthex. If you prefer, we have a nursery available for infants through Kindergarten in Room 142.

The **Cry Room**, where you can sit with your child and watch the service via livestream, is located next to the nursery in Room 140.



**FAITH FORMATION**  
GROWING IN FAITH

[ Sunday Mornings at 9:00 ]

## Children's Sunday School

Preschool - 5th Grade: Room 113  
1st - 5th Grade Choir: Room 211  
Children's Sermon: Room 115

## Youth Sunday School

Jr. and Sr. High: Youth Area

## Adult Education

Church on Fire - Acts Room LL10  
Faith at Home Living Room  
New 6-week series, "God's Messy Family," begins March 23.

## Wednesday Nights 6:00 - 8:00

Jr. and Sr. Highers will be joining the "Reflections of Love" study during Lent.



## Holy Week Volunteers

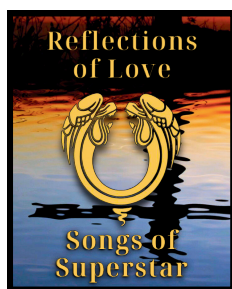
Consider serving in one of the many roles available. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex, the KOG website, or by emailing [mcupp@kingofglory.com](mailto:mcupp@kingofglory.com).

## Flowering of the Cross

Join us in creating two beautiful flowered crosses for Easter! Saturday morning, April 19, at 10 to assist with this special project. Contact Marilyn Cupp for more information.

## Building Utilization

Space Available! Know a mission-aligned organization or sports league in need of space sporadically or on-going? Contact Phil Thomas at [pthomas@kingofglory.com](mailto:pthomas@kingofglory.com) to learn more!



## Easter Lilies

Honor or remember a loved one by purchasing an Easter Lily for our Sanctuary. Cards are available in the Narthex for a \$15 donation. Lilies can be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter. Deadline to purchase is Sunday, April 13.



King of Glory IS a  
**RECONCILING in CHRIST**  
Congregation

## Wednesdays in Lent

Through April 9

Gather for fellowship, worship, and study, exploring the stories and themes of Lent through the music of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.  
Schedule:

- Dinner: 6:00
- Worship: 6:30
- Lenten Study: 7:00

Kindergarten through fifth graders will enjoy *Time with Miss Rainey*. Nursery care will be provided.

## Community Easter Carnival

April 12 10 - 1 PM

Help make this event special by donating prizes and pre-stuffed eggs directly from our Amazon Wish List.



Adult and teenage volunteers needed! Want to get involved? Contact Harold at [huddlestone@kingofglory.com](mailto:huddlestone@kingofglory.com).

## Spiritual Gifts

Join our Tuesday night 7:30 Zoom discussions as we explore 20 Spiritual Gifts and discover how to activate your gifts in daily life and deepen your connection with God. Learn more and register at [kingofglory.com/spiritualgifts](http://kingofglory.com/spiritualgifts).

April 1 - Music      April 8 - Pastoring/Shepherding      April 22 - Service  
April 29 - Skilled Craft

## EASY WAYS TO CONNECT

### Joyful Spirit

Sunday Evenings at 5:00

Extend an invitation to this inclusive and uplifting service and join them in worship. Streams monthly, on last Sunday. Find out more at [kingofglory.com/joyful-spirit-worship](http://kingofglory.com/joyful-spirit-worship).

### Let's Eat Out! (LEOs)

First Thursday of the Month at 6:30

Invite a friend and enjoy conversation with other KOG members over dinner at a local restaurant. Email [office@kingofglory.com](mailto:office@kingofglory.com) for more information.

### 1st Saturday Social

First Saturday of the Month

Young Adults, Young Families, and ACTION Groups gather monthly to connect while having fun. For more information, Email [andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea.schweitzer@yahoo.com)

### Young Adult Trivia

Tuesday, April 8, @ On Rotation, 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening filled with Fun, Food, and Fellowship - oh and Trivia! Bring your thinking caps. Email [kwee@kingofglory.com](mailto:kwee@kingofglory.com) to learn more.

### Reservations for Six

Once a Month

Groups of 6 share brunch, lunch, or dinner out at a restaurant each month (March - November). Sign up now! For more information, email [hildchitchat@att.net](mailto:hildchitchat@att.net)

## Upcoming Events:

Take a look at our Event Calendar at [kingofglory.com/events](http://kingofglory.com/events)

## Church office hours:

Mondays and Fridays 8:30 - Noon  
Tuesdays - Thursdays 8:30 - 3:30

## Ways you can give:

Venmo @kingofglory  
[kingofglory.com/koggives](http://kingofglory.com/koggives)

